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SUBJECT: GREEK REQUEST FOR US NAVY SHIPS

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1. USN HAS TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED TWO NON-MISSILE PATROL GUNBOATS FOR SALE TO HELLENIC NAVY. ASSUMING NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL, TRANSFER NOW EXPECTED TO OCCUR IN MAY OR JUNE 1975. ADDITIONALLY, WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO TRANSFER TWO DESTROYERS TO HN FOR LOGISTIC SUPPORT BY JUNE 1975. NO OPERATIONAL DESTROYERS OR SUBMARINES ARE AVAILABLE AT PRESENT FOR TRANSFER TO HN. MISSION MAY ADVISE APPROPRIATE GOG OFFICIALS OF FOREGOING.

2. INFORMATION CONTAINED PARA 1 IS INCLUDED IN CNO HOLLOWAY LETTER PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO CHIEF HN ARAPAKIS LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 24 REQUESTING HOT TRANSFER OF PATROL GUNBOATS, DESTROYERS AND SUBMARINES. HOLLOWAY LETTER INCLUDES STATEMENT THAT GUNBOATS ARE BEING MADE AVAILABLE "AT SOME
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SACRIFICE TO OUR OWN PROGRAMS" IN RECOGNITION OF NECESSITY

OF UPGRADING HN IN VIEW IMPORTANCE OF GREEK-US MUTUAL
SECURITY ALONG SOUTHERN FLANK NATO. HOLLOWAY LETTER ALSO
ADVISES THAT LETTER OF OFFER FOR TWO OR THREE PATROL FRIG-
ATES IS NOW IN PREPARATION. LETTER CLOSES WITH EMPHASIS OF
IMPORTANCE USN ATTACHES TO GREEK CONTRIBUTION TO NATO.

3. FULL TEXT OF HOLLOWAY LETTER TO ARAPAKIS BEING POUCHED
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